

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

SAFE BOATING WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from the mountains to the coast, our waterways -- mountain lakes, rivers, canals, sounds, and coastal waters -- are a great part of the bounty and beauty of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our waterways provide one of the prime sources of rewarding recreation to those who live here and to our visitors, but all boaters should be mindful of the hazards encountered on the water; and

WHEREAS, preparation, safe practices, courtesy on the water, proper equipment and the knowledge to use it, help make boating safer and more enjoyable; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that boaters remember that life jackets save lives; and

WHEREAS, awareness of boating safety prompted the Congress of the United States to establish *National Safe Boating Week* to be observed on an annual basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2008, as "**SAFE BOATING WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon all who participate in boating on our waters to practice safe and courteous boating, and continue to benefit from boating education and safety services offered by the United States Coast Guard, United States Power Squadrons, and the more than thirty local flotillas of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.




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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.